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*Report from Santiago--Inspection of vessels.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, January 3, as follows:

Week ended December 29, 1906. Bills of health issued to 3 vessels bound for the United States. No vessel fumigated. No quarantinable disease reported.

## INDIA.

*Report from Calcutta--Transactions of service--Cholera, plague, and smallpox.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Eakins reports, December 13, as follows:

Week ended December 8, 1906. Bill of health issued to the steamship *Livingstonia* bound for Boston and New York with a total crew of 31. The usual precautions were taken, holds fumigated, rat guards on wharf lines, and Lascars' effects disinfected.

Week ended December 1, 1906. Eighty-eight deaths from cholera, 14 from plague, and 3 from smallpox in Calcutta.

In Bengal, during the same week, 348 cases and 259 deaths from plague.

Week ended December 8, 1906. Ninety-one deaths from cholera, 19 deaths from plague, and 4 deaths from smallpox in Calcutta.

In Bengal, during the same week, 400 cases and 346 deaths from plague.

In India, during the week ended December 1, 1906, 8,286 cases and 5,992 deaths from plague; week ended December 8, 1906, 7,765 cases and 6,098 deaths from plague.

## ITALY.

*Report from Naples--Inspection of vessels--Emigrants recommended for rejection--Smallpox in Italy.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon McLaughlin reports, December 24, as follows:

Week ended December 22, 1906. Vessels inspected at Naples and Palermo as follows:

## NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of large baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Dec. 19	Cedric .....	New York ....	1,248	250	1,250
19	Perugia .....	do .....	407	70	750

## PALERMO.

Dec. 17	Francesca .....	New York ....	514	550	285
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*Rejections recommended.*

## NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Trachoma.	Favus.	Suspected trachoma.	Suspected favus.	Other causes.	Total.
Dec. 19	Cedric.....	18	4	16	1	13	52
19	Perugia.....	14	.....	6	.....	2	22
	Total .....	32	4	22	1	15	74

## PALERMO.

Dec. 17	Francesca.....	18	.....	17	.....	8	43
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*Smallpox.*—Week ended December 20, 1906. Belluno, 1 case; S. Severino Lucano (Potenza), 2.

## JAPAN.

*Report from Yokohama.*—*Plague rats found.*—*Measures for rat destruction and house disinfection.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Cumming forwards the following, under date of December 20:

*Instructions issued by the municipal authorities of this city in consequence of the finding of plague rats.*

## METHOD OF CLEANING.

1. The main purpose of cleaning is to find the dead rats and destroy the live ones.

2. More than 2 pieces of rat poison (poison rubbed on wood) should be distributed to each house three days before cleaning, under the supervision of the police.

3. Kitchen sink, drains, and all other places likely to admit rats should be stopped before cleaning by appropriate methods.

4. Mats, furniture, merchandise, and other things should be carried outside and aired. Articles in cases into which rats can not penetrate need not be aired.

5. A part of the ceiling must be opened to find the rats and the whole ceiling must be swept.

6. A part of the floor should be taken up for the purpose of finding rats and sweeping up the dust.

7. Clapboards and boards nailed on the ground in the kitchen for washing must be taken apart if necessary.

8. The place where dead rats are found should be disinfected; but any dried material near the place does not come under the rule.

9. Wooden tags should be attached to the rats, stating where found.

10. Damp floors, water-closets, drains and their environments, and any other place should be disinfected when deemed necessary.

11. Special attention must be paid to the houses of rice merchants, dry grocers, macaroni shops, potato sellers, butchers (including fowl),